

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2004**
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanley Neighborhood Center. In attendance were eight (8) District Advisory Board members, eleven (11) staff and approximately twelve (12) citizens with one (1) signing in.

Members Present

Wayne Wells
Doug Leeper
Jim Benton
Tom Engleman
Ed Koon
Jerry McGinty
Damon Burrows
Brandon Rogne
Council Member Paul Gray

Staff Present

Officer William Stevens, Police
Rob Younkin, Public Works
Jack Brown, Environmental Health
John Schlegel, Planning
Steve Lackey, Public Works
Sarah Gilbert, Career Development
Liz Allens, Water
Officer Kelly Mar, Police
Officer Bachman, Police
Officer Mallard, Police
Brandon Kauffman, City Manager's Office

Members Absent

Rex Gray
Brian Dehler
Iola Crandall

Guests

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Order of Business

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

The agenda for the January 7, 2004 meeting was approved as written.

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda allows members of the public to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

Off-Agenda items

Sarah Gilbert, Career Development Director, requested that a vote be taken by the DAB members to elect an individual from the board to the CSBG committee. The DAB voted to appoint Mr. Jim Benton to the board.

Staff Presentations

Community Police

Officer Kelly Mar, Police, stated that officers were enjoying their four ten hour shifts per week and have liked the change over the previous arrangement. **Officer Patrick Mallard, Police**, stated that the community police officers at their quarterly meeting would receive special training regarding homeland security matters.

Action: Receive & File

Sewer Project: Florence & Esthner

Jack Brown, Environmental Health, presented a request for ordering-in sewer service in the vicinity of Florence and Esthner due to existing groundwater contamination.

Brown stated that Environmental Health and Public Works had received an inquiry regarding a commercial business that would like to develop property at 4110 Esthner. The business had indicated that they would like to be connected to the public sewer, but have not received support from adjacent property owners. Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) records also indicate a plume of groundwater contamination in the area, a concern if individuals are consuming water.

Brown stated that this project would serve the eight (8) properties in the area and cost approximately \$85,000 for design and construction. After preliminary development of the scope of the project the item was reviewed by the City's Development Coordinating Committee (DCC), which recommended support of "ordering in" the sewer due to the circumstances of existing groundwater contamination and potential for further degradation from existing commercial facilities on septic tanks.

Council Member Gray asked if any audience members had questions and requested that they state their name and address.

Ron Myers, 4543 Esthner, asked if there would be additional costs for making the connection to the main line. **Rob Younkin, Public Works**, stated that there would be additional fees for hooking into the main line and could cost around \$500 for a connection. **Myers** then asked if all properties would be assessed equally because on the estimated costs one property was assessed for only half of its footage. **Younkin** stated that it was a mistake, which will be corrected and all properties will be assessed based upon there square footage.

Seeing no further discussion **Ed Koon (Jerry McGinty)** moved to approve the ordering in of sewer service. The motion passed 7-0.

Action: Order in sewer line.

Capital Improvements Plan

Steve Lackey, Public Works, stated that the formulation of the capital improvements plan is not required by law but is important for the long-term vitality of the city. The CIP develops the improvements and categorizes them based upon needs over a ten-year period. The revenues to fund the planned projects are almost \$1.5 billion for the ten-year period. The proposed CIP includes over 388 projects and was developed by the Capital Improvements Plan Administration Committee. This proposal includes an increase in the ERU to fund important storm water projects to alleviate the flooding situation.

Council Member Gray stated that if DAB members had questions or statements this would be the appropriate time.

Koon asked if the plan could be changed to show if something affects the entire city to show that instead of the district it is located in. Koon then cited the airport as an example because it affects the entire city but is located in District IV. **Lackey** stated that they could take that into consideration. **Council Member Gray** stated that the airport operates as an enterprise fund and the improvements to the airport will be made through the incoming revenue streams.

Doug Leeper asked if there was a breakdown by districts. **Lackey** stated that there was not a breakdown by district because the committee wanted to focus on needs of the overall city instead of the individual districts.

Leeper asked if the land over by 47th and Waterway would be developed into park and if there could be landscaping to help the area develop. **Council Member Gray** stated that the land has been donated for a park but it may be awhile before anything is developed.

McGinty asked why the projects skip a year in the plan. **Lackey** stated that it skips a year because the first and second year are used for design work and then the third and fourth years are utilized for construction purposes. The first year shows funding available for the design of the project and the third and fourth years show funding for the construction.

Koon stated that the CIP was easy to follow and understand and thanked staff for their work on putting the plan together.

Leeper asked what the five million dollars in other was for the River Corridor project. **Lackey** stated that the five million dollars was for private dollars that will be used to build the amphitheater.

McGinty (Leeper) moved to recommend approval of the Capital Improvements Plan. The motion passed 7-0.

Action: Recommend approval of the CIP.

Board Agenda

Council Member Gray stated that there were a variety of issues that the City Council has considered in the past month, which have included the Waterwalk, River Corridor Project and the hiring of a new City Manger. Slavin Consulting has been hired to conduct the search for a new manager; they are based out of Georgia and were involved in hiring Chris Cherches. Gray stated that the focus groups were a success, which included city employees and citizens from the community. The information compiled from the groups will be forwarded to the consulting firm to help in the process of selecting a new city manger.

Leeper asked if there were any new businesses that were looking to locate in the core area of Wichita. **Council Member Gray** said that there are new businesses that are looking to locate in the downtown area but the negotiations are confidential. He felt that there would be more businesses willing to relocate downtown once the Waterwalk project was completed. Gray stated that Koch, who purchased Dupont Chemicals, is looking to locate factory in the Wichita area, which could produce 500 jobs with an average pay of \$90,000 per year.

McGinty stated that the last meeting of the Southwest NA was the night of the focus group, which he felt was a success. The next meeting for the neighborhood association will be held on January 20th.

Jim Benton stated that on December 18th the Southwest Village Neighborhood Association had their Christmas party where a bike was raffled off. One of the community policy officers bought tickets to hand out to families that could not afford them. Benton also mentioned that the South YMCA is looking to conduct a \$1 million expansion project to handle the increased capacity.

Tom Engleman stated the Park Home Owner's Association would elect new officers on January 8th. The fireworks committee will also be meeting to identify and make recommendations for changes in the code for fireworks.

Council Member Gray asked for any further issues. With none presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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